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Port Valdez/Lowe River Goat Hunt Closes

Cordova – Registration permit hunt RG245 for mountain goats in Unit 6(D) will close at one minute before midnight on January 19 by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG245 includes that portion of Unit 6(D) west of Browns Creek, south of Lowe River and Port Valdez, and north of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River.

Aerial surveys during August 2003 indicated that a population of about 123 goats resided in registration permit area RG245. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 6 goats. The current harvest is 2 nannies and 2 billies for a total of 6 goat units. Each nanny counts as 2 goats toward the harvest objective. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the population.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG245 in Unit 6(D). All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.